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Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected
to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to
enable communication, said apparatus comprising:
     a storage section which receives and stores application data
5   from at least one of the computers together with user
identification information for identifying a user of the
computer;
     a sheet counter section which prepares page information from
said application data; and
10   a controller section which controls the apparatus to print
said application data ~~user identification information and the~~
~~page information~~ on a ~~back~~ front surface of a ~~printed~~ sheet and
to print the user identification information and the page
information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface
15   being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface
printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front
surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is outputted. ~~;~~
     ~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface~~
~~of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in~~
20   ~~a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

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2.   (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for setting whether or not to print said page information and said user identification information received from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the page information and the user identification information are to be printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting information stored in said setting section.

3.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses ~~the~~ a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

4.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

5.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said page information ~~page number~~

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~~of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by subtraction from ~~the~~
a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

6.   (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus
according to claim 1, wherein the page information and the user
identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet
opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is
discharged.

7.   (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected
to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to
enable communication, said apparatus comprising:
        a storage section which receives and stores application data
5   from at least one of the computers;
        a sheet counter section which prepares page information from
said application data;
        an identification information storage section which stores
respective identification information applied to each stored
10   application data; and
        a controller section which controls the apparatus to print
~~the identification information applied to~~ said application data
on a front surface of a sheet and to print the identification
information assigned to the application data along with the page
15   information on a back surface of the sheet, said front surface

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being a surface on which printing is performed during one-surface

printing, and said back surface being opposite to the front

surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is

outputted. together with said page information on a back surface

20   of a printed sheet,

wherein the page information is printed on the back surface

of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in

a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.

8.   (Original) The image forming apparatus according to

claim 7, further comprising:

a setting section which stores setting information for

setting whether or not to print said page information received

5   from said network,

wherein the controller section judges whether or not the

page information and said identification information are to be

printed on the back surface of the sheet based on the setting

information stored in said setting section.

9.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus

according to claim 7, wherein said page information includes a

total number of pages, and said sheet counter section uses the

a number of printed sheets as the total number of pages when the

application data is printed on both sides of the sheet.

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10.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by addition in order of the discharged sheets.

11.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said page information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by subtraction from ~~the~~ a total number of pages in order of the discharged sheets.

12.   (Currently Amended) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the page information and the ~~user~~ identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

13.   (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of computers are connected to enable communication, said method comprising:

5   receiving and storing application data from at least one of the computers together with user identification information for identifying a user of the computer;

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preparing page information from said application data by a

sheet counter section; and

10   printing said <u>application data on a front surface of a sheet</u>

<u>and printing said</u> user identification information and said page

information on a back surface of ~~a printed~~ <u>the</u> sheet<u>, said front</u>

<u>surface being a surface on which printing is performed during</u>

<u>one-surface printing, and said back surface being opposite to the</u>

15   <u>front surface and facing upward when the printed sheet is</u>

<u>outputted.</u> ~

~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface~~

~~of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in~~

~~a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet~~.

14.   (Previously presented) The method of operating the

image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising

judging whether or not said page information and the user

identification information are to be printed based on setting

5   information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or

not to print said page information and said user identification

information received from said network.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein <u>said page</u>

<u>information includes a total number of pages, and</u> said sheet

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counter section uses ~~the~~ a̲ number of printed sheets as the total

5   number of pages when the application data is printed on both

sides of the sheet.

16.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page

i̲n̲f̲o̲r̲m̲a̲t̲i̲o̲n̲ ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by

addition in order of the discharged sheets.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said page

i̲n̲f̲o̲r̲m̲a̲t̲i̲o̲n̲ ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by

subtraction from the total number of pages in order of the

discharged sheets.

18.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating the

image forming apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the page

information and the user identification information are

printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge

port from which the sheet is discharged.

19.   (Currently Amended) A method of operating an image

forming apparatus connected to a network to which a plurality of

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computers are connected in order to enable communication,

comprising:

5   receiving and storing application data from at least one

of the computers;

           preparing page information from said application data by a

sheet counter section;

           applying respective identification information to each

10   stored application data from an identification information

storage section which stores the identification information; and

           printing ~~the identification information applied to~~ said

application data <u>on a front surface of a sheet and printing the</u>

<u>identification information associated with the application data,</u>

15   together with said page information<u>,</u> on a back surface of ~~a~~

~~printed~~ <u>the</u> sheet<u>, said front surface being a surface on which</u>

<u>printing is performed during one-surface printing, and said back</u>

<u>surface being opposite to the front surface and facing upward</u>

<u>when the printed sheet is outputted.</u> ~~,~~

20   ~~wherein the page information is printed on the back surface~~

~~of the sheet in Y/X form, wherein X is a total number of pages in~~

~~a print job, and Y is a page number of the printed sheet.~~

           20.   (Previously Presented) The method of operating the

image forming apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising

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judging whether or not said page information and the user

identification information are to be printed based on setting

5   information, stored in a setting section, for setting whether or

not to print said page information and said user identification

information received from said network.

21.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page

information includes a total number of pages, and said sheet

counter section uses ~~the~~ a number of printed sheets as the total

5   number of pages when the application data is printed on both

sides of the sheet.

22.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page

information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by

addition in order of the discharged sheets.

23.   (Currently Amended) The method of operating the image

forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said page

information ~~page number of the printed sheet Y~~ is prepared by

subtraction from the total number of pages in order of the

discharged sheets.

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24. (Previously Presented) The method of operating the image forming apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the page information and the identification information are printed on an edge of the sheet opposite to a sheet discharge port from which the sheet is discharged.

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